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UND to hold Showcase in Bismarck Jan. 9; public invited

It will be "show and tell" higher education-style when the University of North Dakota takes its show on the road Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6-9 p.m. at the Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. The event is free and open to the public. A program will start at 7:30 p.m.

The "show" is the University's Bismarck Showcase, featuring exhibits from 16 of UND's best-known campus units. On display, for example, will be the Mars spacesuit, designed by a five-college North Dakota Space Grant Consortium team led by UND's Department of Space Studies. Other UND departments and units showing their stuff include the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, School of Engineering and Mines, College of Nursing, College of Business and Public Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Development,

School of Law, Division of Continuing Education, Enrollment Services, the Graduate School, UND Athletics, and the UND Alumni Association.

The "tell" is UND President Charles Kupchella, UND Alumni Association Executive Vice President Tim O'Keefe, and others who will talk about the UND of today and tomorrow.

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, go online at [www.undalumni.org](http://www.undalumni.org) or call at (800) 543-8764.

"We're being proactive in telling our UND story to our many stakeholders in the Bismarck area," said Kupchella. "We have great things going on and we wanted to share that -- to bring a little bit of the UND experience to our many alumni and friends in the Bismarck-Mandan area and beyond. We want them to know where we are, and where we're going."

Kupchella said UND is in the second year of its second five-year strategic plan. He credited the plan, as well as UND's faculty, staff and supporters, for much of the growth that the University has achieved in the past six years. UND, for example, now has an annual economic impact of nearly \$1 billion dollars. That includes a doubling in the past five years of the research and supported program dollars to nearly \$100 million in 2005-06, said Kupchella.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and an opportunity for old friends to reconnect and to meet new friends, said Don Kojich, UND executive associate vice president for university relations.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### IRB meeting canceled; deadlines listed

The Institutional Review Board meeting scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, has been canceled.  
The deadline for proposals requiring medical subcommittee review is Tuesday, Jan. 16.  
The deadline for proposals requiring full board review is Tuesday, Jan. 23.  
-- Renee Carlson, IRB Coordinator, Research Development and Compliance, [reneecarlson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:reneecarlson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-4079

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### Nursing professor holds book signing

The College of Nursing invites the community to a book signing Friday, Jan. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble bookstore. Cindy Anderson, assistant professor at the UND College of Nursing, and Carie A. Braun, professor at the College of Saint Benedict, co-authored "Pathophysiology: Functional Alterations in Human Health." Both authors will be available at the signing.

The textbook offers a unique conceptual approach that facilitates learning by first teaching about general mechanisms of disease or alterations in human function -- such as immune alterations or altered nutrition -- and then showing how to apply these processes to specific conditions.

The book is published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. For more information, go to <http://connection.lww.com/BraunAnderson>.  
-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Coordinator, College of Nursing, [beckycournia@mail.und.edu](mailto:beckycournia@mail.und.edu), 777-4526

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### University Senate meets Jan. 11

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Jan. 11, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

- 1) Announcements.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes.
- 3) Question period.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 4) Annual report of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, Fred Remer, chair.

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

- 5) Proposed audit policy, Tom Rand, chair.
- 6) Curriculum committee report, David Relling, chair.
- 7) Honorary degree nominations, Fred Remer, chair.

-- Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, [lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3892

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Sociology candidate presents Jan. 12

Members of the University community are invited to a presentation by Krista Lynn Minnotte, candidate for a faculty position in sociology. She will present "Gendered Job Experiences in Academic Science and Engineering" Friday, Jan. 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. in 101 Gillette Hall.

-- Kathleen Tiemann, Professor and Chair, Sociology, [kathleen.tiemann@und.edu](mailto:kathleen.tiemann@und.edu), 7-2188

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications invited for research fellowships to facilitate writing proposals

Applications are invited from UND faculty for research fellowships (\$1,000 each) to facilitate writing proposals for external funding of their research and scholarly activities. Offered through Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) and the University Writing Program, a limited number of faculty in teams of two (faculty proposal writer and mentor) will engage in a 10-session (one hour each) writing seminar beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 4 p.m. and continuing on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. through April 24. The goal of the seminar will be for each faculty writer to complete a research proposal, with the assistance of a mentor, that will be suitable for submission to an external sponsor.

To apply:

- Submit an application as a faculty team (writer and mentor) to RD&C of no more than two pages describing your research/scholarly activity idea.
- Identify the organization you will target for funding.
- List your last three examples of creative activity (e.g. publications, performances) and indicate whether they were peer reviewed and when they occurred.
- Describe your experience with submitting external proposals, including agencies and critiques. Also include a short list of recent proposals submitted by your mentor and indicate which have been successful.
- Discuss the significance of your research/scholarly activity.
- Indicate your availability and commitment to attend at least nine of the 10 seminar sessions.
- Be sure to include the name and the expected contribution of the faculty member who has agreed to serve as your mentor for this fellowship. (Mentors must agree to attend at least five sessions and be available to assist you in writing and developing your proposal outside the seminar. Mentors also will receive \$1,000 stipends.) If you need help locating a mentor, contact Barry Milavetz at RD&C (777-4280 or [barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu)).

Selection Criteria:

- Potential for completing a draft proposal by May 15, 2007.
- Significance and impact of proposed research/scholarly activity.
- Potential for funding by proposed sponsor.
- Evidence of commitment by writer and mentor.
- Participant must be the P.I. on the external proposal.

Deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007. Submit application to RD&C, 105 Twamley Hall or e-mail

[barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu).

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,

[barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701/777-4278

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## Jan. 15 is holiday

In accordance with State Board of Higher Education directives, Monday, Jan. 15, will be observed as Martin Luther King Jr. Day by faculty and staff members of the University. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday. -- Greg Weisenstein, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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## Annual leave reminder

Annual leave taken in 2006 must be submitted to the Payroll Office no later than Monday, Jan. 8, at 4:30 p.m. Leave submitted after this date will be subtracted from your 2007 leave balance, and will not be reinstated if you lose leave for 2006.

Employees will lose leave in two situations:

- 1) All employees hired prior to Jan. 1, 2006, must use a minimum of 40 hours of leave each calendar year, or they will lose the difference between 40 hours and what they actually used. (The 40 hours minimum is prorated for part-time employees.) Employees hired after Jan. 1, 2006, are not required to use a minimum number of hours.
- 2) Employees with an annual leave balance greater than 240 hours as of 1/15/2007 (Exception for CND employees who have received VP approval to carryover additional hours).

Your Jan. 12, 2007, check will reflect your final leave balance for 2006, prior to any adjustments. Your Jan. 31 check will reflect your leave balance after all adjustments.

If you are in a use or lose situation and are unable to use your annual leave, you may want to consider donating your leave to a fellow employee that has been qualified to accept leave through the Leave Sharing program. These employees, or a member of their immediate family, have a severe illness and have expended all of their leave due to the illness. Contact the Payroll Office for names and instructions. To be deducted from 2006 balances, leave donations must also be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8.

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## U Card office now located in Memorial Union, Room 3

The U Card office has relocated within the Memorial Union to Room 3 lower level (near the Lifetime Sports Center). The phone number remains the same, 777-2071. Hours of operation will be extended to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Jan. 8-12, for all U Card services. The office will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Regular hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume Jan. 16.

-- Teresa Blillie, Manager, U Card, [teresablillie@mail.und.edu](mailto:teresablillie@mail.und.edu), 777-2071

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## Children's Center has spring openings

The University Children's Center has full-time and part-time openings available for 2-5 year olds. The Center is strategically located on campus, with easy access to most academic buildings and housing complexes. Children at the Center are cared for in small groups by teachers with degrees in early childhood education or a related field. A day at the University Children's Center includes a USDA-approved breakfast, lunch, snack, a choice of rest or nap time, opportunities to play outdoors and planned developmentally appropriate activities.

Faculty, staff and Greater Grand Forks community rates:

Full day: \$26, pre-school; \$29, toddler

Half day: \$20, pre-school; \$24, toddler

Head Start children arriving at UCC at 11:30 a.m.: \$22

Student rates:

Full day: \$24, pre-school; \$27, toddler

Half day: \$18, pre-school; \$22, toddler

Head Start children arriving at UCC at 11:30 a.m.: \$20

Academic year registration fee: \$30

Summer registration fee: \$20

The University Apartment Resident (UAR) discount of \$2 per day or half day still applies!

For additional care (hourly rate): \$4

For more information, please call 777-3947. You may also visit the UCC web site at [www.childrenscenter.und.edu](http://www.childrenscenter.und.edu)

-- Jo-Anne Yearwood, Program Director/Instructor, University Childrens Center,

[joanneyearwood@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:joanneyearwood@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701-777-3947

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## Make it your New Year's resolution to quit!

Join the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Smoking Cessation programs. To learn more, visit [www.bcbsnd.com/ehealth/ndpersquit](http://www.bcbsnd.com/ehealth/ndpersquit). Classes will begin March 27 on campus and are offered free to all faculty, staff, and students. For more information or to register, contact Theresa Knox at 701-787-8140 or [tknox@grandforksgov.com](mailto:tknox@grandforksgov.com). Happy New Year! Make your resolution -- QUIT!

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, [amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu](mailto:amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu), 777-0210

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## Final winners of Staff Senate 31 Days of Glory

The final winners of the Staff Senate 31 Days of Glory are:

Wednesday, Dec. 20, Connie Gagelin, academic affairs, \$100; Thursday, Dec. 21, Sue McWilliams, telecommunications \$100; Friday, Dec. 22, Janelle Studney, medical education, \$100; Saturday, Dec. 23, Denise Adams, housing, \$100; Sunday, Dec. 24, Dianne Stam, learning center, \$500; Monday, Dec. 25, Bill Neuerburg, off campus, \$100; Tuesday, Dec. 26, Mikki Kozel, \$100; Wednesday, Dec. 27, Jim Cronin, off campus, \$100; Thursday, Dec. 28, Alice Stangl, off campus, \$100; Friday, Dec. 29, Phyllis Tweton, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, \$100; Saturday, Dec. 30, Darlene Hanson, \$100; and Sunday, Dec. 31, Gail Kjenstad, \$500.

The proceeds from the 31 Days of Glory fundraiser go toward scholarships awarded by Staff Senate for UND students.

-- Dennis Stangl, Staff Senate Public Relations Chair, TRIO, [dennisstangl@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:dennisstangl@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701-777-2084

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## Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Cardform. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Project Manager, Intellectual Property Management, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #07-181  
DEADLINE: (I) 1/8/2007  
SALARY: \$40,000 - \$50,000

POSITION: Associate Vice President for Outreach Services & Dean of Outreach Programs, #07-091  
DEADLINE: Internal applicants will be considered with the external. Open Until Filled (Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006.)  
SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No current openings.

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE: No current openings.

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## IN THE NEWS

### UND enjoys banner year

2006 will go down in University of North Dakota history as one of its best years. Besides significantly increasing its research enterprise with awards, grants, and new building projects, UND was awarded White House honors, scored top marks for its entrepreneurship programs, won several athletic titles and honors, and launched a Mars planetary exploration suit that captured global attention.

UND also opened more doors overseas, signing agreements with universities and research institutes in Asia, Canada, and Europe, and participating in several key international academic events and conferences.

President Charles Kupchella personally led several missions, including an invitation-only event in Shanghai for university presidents from around the world. At home, UND sealed deals with several companies tied to the funding and building of four brand new research centers on campus that will significantly boost in the University's research enterprise.

UND in 2006 announced its commitment to join Division I athletics. The University has long been renowned for its Division I hockey program and will now move all of its athletic programs into the top division.

UND's global research, scholarship, and education commitments, its entrepreneurial programs, and its move to Division I are all part of the University's strategic charter to advance into the top 100 public research universities in the nation. UND's research activities -- including a record \$94 million in direct support from external sources -- have a record economic impact of about \$164 million and fund about 1,600 jobs in the region.

Here is a list, in no particular order, of UND's top accomplishments, events, and people in 2006:

\* A UND-led team launches a prototype Mars planetary exploration suit that earned global attention and top grades for its practical, low-cost design. The suit-part of NASA-funded project that included several North Dakota colleges and universities, was designed and built by students and their faculty advisors and was tested in the alien terrain of the North Dakota Badlands. <http://www.universityrelations.und.edu/dimensions/june2006/>

\* The UND Foundation receives its second-largest gift ever, a \$10 million bequest from the late Roy and Elnora (Hopper) Danley, '37. Roy died in 1994 and Elnora, a Brinsmade, N.D., native, passed away this year at the age of 91. Prior to death, the Danley's bequeathed the majority of their estate to the UND Foundation, which posts a record gift year totaling more than \$20 million. <http://www.undalumni.org/PressReleases.htm>

\* President Kupchella is invited to participate in an international forum for university presidents at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (USST). Kupchella also met with Chinese policy makers and higher education leaders at USST, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary, to discuss UND's vision for future higher ed collaboration with the Peoples Republic of China. [http://www.und.edu/faculty\\_qa/11292006.html](http://www.und.edu/faculty_qa/11292006.html) .

Kupchella also leads several other international missions in 2006, including a memorandum of understanding with the University of Manitoba, a trip to Oxford University, and a visit to UND by the president of Osh State University in the Kyrgyz Republic.

\* The College of Business and Public Administration surpasses its goal of \$20 million in a vibrant capital campaign, supporting extensive renovation of classrooms, laboratories, and offices in Gamble Hall. <http://www.universityrelations.und.edu/dimensions/june2006/13.html>

\* The School of Medicine and Health Sciences is fully reaccredited, receiving praise for its dean, faculty, and curriculum. The Liaison Committee on Medical Education lists several areas of institutional strength at the school, including the vision and energy of Dean H. David Wilson in implementing the patient-centered learning curriculum. Wilson also is elected chair-elect of the Council of Deans at the Association of American Medical Colleges, which represents all 125 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools. <http://smhs.med.und.nodak.edu/UNDSMHS/PublicAffairs/printable.cfm?anid=189>  
<http://www.med.und.edu/publicaffairs/printable.cfm?anid=222>

\* UND dedicates a brand new American Indian Center during the Indian Association's 37th annual Time-Out/Wacipi. The new center provides increased space and visibility for a series of services that do an exceptional job of serving American Indian and non-native students. The dedication events include a celebration of achievements honoring nine outstanding American Indian UND alums. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1779>

\* A \$20 million Wellness Center opens in September, under the supervision of Laurie Betting, who is named to the new position of assistant vice president for wellness. [http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print\\_article.php?uletterID=850](http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print_article.php?uletterID=850)

\* The University's Research Foundation breaks ground in December for its \$12 million, 50,000-square-foot research building, funded initially by grants from the state of North Dakota, the city of Grand Forks, and the James L. Knight Foundation. The Center for Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies will anchor the UND Research Foundations 19.5-acre Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park. <http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/uletter.php?backID=3#1472>



\* UND breaks ground in August on the \$3.9 million Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research. The 30,000-square-foot, three-story center, funded by the National Institutes of Health-National Center for Research Resources, will be used by the College of Nursing and College of Arts and Sciences Department of Psychology faculty to explore conditions such as Alzheimers disease, alcoholism, diabetes, nutritional disorders, and other conditions by helping patients alter their behaviors. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1887>

\* The Energy & Environmental Research Center gets a \$67 million federal cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Energy to accelerate a regional program to determine the best ways to manage our countrys carbon emissions through carbon dioxide sequestration. <http://www.undeerc.org/newsroom/newsitem.asp?id=274>

\* UND earns a spot on the first-ever U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its consistent excellence in community engagement. This Honor Roll responds to President George W. Bush's call to service by building on and supporting the civic engagement mission of our nations colleges and universities. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1959>

\* Stardust, the first mission conducted by UND operating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) DC-8 research aircraft, was named the top astronomy story of the year by Astronomy magazine. Scientists aboard the DC-8 gathered data and captured imagery of the Stardust space capsule during its fiery re-entry to Earth's atmosphere on Jan. 15, 2006. The DC-8 also participated with the atmospheric sciences in an exploration of hurricane origins in Senegal, and in West African deserts. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1981> ;

\* President Kupchella announces in June that the University will begin the process to move the rest of its athletic programs to Division I. Nationally recognized for its successful athletic programs, UND currently competes in Division I mens and womens Hockey and in Division II in 16 other sports. The decision followed a five-month, comprehensive review by the Universitys NCAA Classification Task Force, which gave its final report to Kupchella at the end of May. <http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1833>

Other top 2006 accomplishments, events, and people at UND

UND is named one of the top 10 "Best Schools for Entrepreneurs" in the nation by the Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine. UND also earns kudos for being one of the most entrepreneurial schools overall in the nation. [http://www.innovators.net/entrepreneur\\_dept\\_ranking.htm](http://www.innovators.net/entrepreneur_dept_ranking.htm)

About 20 American Indian special education teachers spend two days at UND in June as part of a four-year, \$1 million grant to United Tribes Technical College and the UND College of Education and Human Development to support American Indian educators in earning a masters degree in learning disabilities or early childhood special education. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1815>

UND's research enterprise in 2006 generates a record \$164 in regional economic impact; through the end of November, UND scientists had submitted a record \$115 million in proposals, up from about \$102 million for the same period in 2005, with a record \$41.28 million in actual awards, up from \$39.5 million in 2005.

Joe Polo, a UND engineering student, wins a Winter Olympics bronze medal as a member of the U.S. curling team. <http://www.engineering.und.edu/news/releases.html>

Donna Pearson and Anne Walker, both from the College of Education and Human Developments Department of Teaching and Learning, host at UND eight top Russian secondary school English and social studies teachers. <http://www.und.edu/dept/our/uletter/03102006.html>

Mary Wakefield, associate dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and director of the Center for Rural

Health, receives the 2006 Nurse Researcher Award from the American Organization of Nurse Executives.  
<http://www.med.und.edu/depts/rural/news/021506.html>

Richard Van Eck, instructional design and technology, earns the cover of the March/April issue of Educause -- a national education magazine -- with a story about his development of digital curriculum theory.  
<http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1773>

Kathryn Rand, associate dean of law, and Steven Light, a political scientist in the College of Business and Public Administration, appear on C-Span 2 (Book TV) for a presentation about their nationally acclaimed book, Casino Compromise-Indian Gaming and Tribal Sovereignty. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1737>

The UND Center for Innovation launches a student-run angel fund sponsored by Bart and Lynn Holaday.  
[http://www.innovators.net/news\\_events/08-31-06%20News%20Release.htm](http://www.innovators.net/news_events/08-31-06%20News%20Release.htm)

UND is classified as a high research activity institution of higher education in a new ranking system developed and recently announced by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.  
<http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1776>

Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Companion broadcast live on March 4 from the Chester Fritz Auditorium.  
<http://www.cfa.und.edu/garrison.html>

UND Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) senior research manager Bethany Bolles and EERC research scientist Marc Kurz, both also space studies graduate students, travel to Sri Lanka in March as part of a research project that will use satellite remote sensing to survey irrigated U.S. farmland and U.S. and Canadian wetlands.  
<http://www.space.edu/aerospace/News/CurrentNews/filereader2.php?id=45>

UND engineering alumna and NASA astronaut Karen Nyberg dives into NEEMO mission of the coast of Florida in preparation for space flight. [http://www.und.edu/grad\\_news/](http://www.und.edu/grad_news/)

UND Aerospace Dean Bruce Smith garners the North Dakota National Guard State Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding services as a member of Gov. John Hoevens Task Force MIND.  
<http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1874>

UND chemistry chair and world renowned molecular structure theorist Mark Hoffmann is invited to Japan to present a detailed report on his research to a group of high-level peers at the University of Tokyo.  
<http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1807>

UND astrophysicist Mike Gaffey earns the world's top two astronomy honors simultaneously -- the Planetary Division of the Geological Society of America G. K. Gilbert Award and the Meteoritical Society Leonard Medal -- the equivalent to getting both an Oscar and a Golden Globe. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1775>

UND launches a nationally unique Global English online program for the growing population of students whose native language is not English. <http://www.conted.und.edu/certificates/courses/globalenglish/>

UND astrophysicist Tim Young nets international attention for his supernovae observations, which are published in Nature, and travels to Turkey, French Guyana, with Ron Marsh, computer sciences, to Webcast solar eclipses. Also, the team Webcasts the Mercury transit in Grand Forks. <http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1893> ; <http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1947> ; <http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1771> ; <http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1535>

UND space studies professor Santhosh Seelan, a widely respected authority in geospatial technologies and satellite imaging and one-time head of India's satellite data distribution center, is invited by a Haitian science and

engineering group to produce recommendations and strategies to redevelop Haitis economy.  
<http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1860>

Space studies prof Paul Hardersen and earth system science and policy grad student and amateur astronomer Vishnu Reddy make their mark internationally for their asteroid hunting work.  
<http://www2.und.nodak.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1884> ;

The UND Flying Team -- all student pilots -- triumphs among the country's top flying teams in the National Collegiate Flying Association's Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference in Ohio.  
[http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print\\_article.php?uletterID=163](http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print_article.php?uletterID=163)

For the third year running, Chuck Kimmerle, Office of University Relations, scores Photographer of the Year from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE); Kimmerle also wins another personal gold from CASE. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1849>

UND launches an online Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology degree program. It's the only M.A. in forensic psychology to be offered online by a nationally recognized, fully accredited university.  
<http://www.conted.und.edu/ddp/maf/p/>

UND inaugurates the Journal of Native Aging and Health -- supported by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Center for Rural Health, the School of Communication, and the National Resource Center on Native American Aging -- to publish scholarly articles that address aging, health, and related issues for American Indians.  
<http://www.und.edu/dept/scomm/JNAH/jnah.html>

UND professors Tom Gilsdorf, mathematics, and Kathleen Dixon, English, are named Fulbright Scholars for the 2006-2007 academic year. Gilsdorf is researching ethnomathematics in Mexico, and Dixon is researching pop culture in Bulgaria. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1952>

The National Institutes of Health ranks the College of Nursing 11th among the country's top 100 nursing programs in terms of research funding. <http://www.nursing.und.edu/news.cfm?msgid=62>

Matt Allner, a Sioux City, S.D., public school science teacher and UND space studies graduate student, participates in an exclusive NASA project that takes him to the Atacama Desert in Chile and to a research center in Utah. The Utah project is supervised by NASA astrobiologist Jon Rask, a graduate of UND space sciences.  
[http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2006/11/20/news/latest\\_news/72d88f779a9b4e398625722c00795ef2.txt](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2006/11/20/news/latest_news/72d88f779a9b4e398625722c00795ef2.txt)

The College of Business and Public Administration hosts the first-ever entrepreneurship educators forum for teachers from most of North Dakota's public, private, and tribal colleges and universities.  
<http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1974>

The Carnegie Foundation includes UND in its new community engagement classification, one of only 76 schools nationwide to earn this distinction. <http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/uletter.php?backID=3>

Vice President for Research Peter Alfonso and noted UND neuroscientist Jonathan Geiger travel to India to learn the secrets of a successful research park. Dr. Alfonso also co-chaired a session with Dr. Geiger, chair of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics, at the Silver Jubilee Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences. <http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/uletter.php?backID=3>

UND begins building its new flight training facility for the UND Aerospace Foundation and the Robeson Community

College Flight Training Center in Lumberton, N.C. <http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1979>

UND breaks ground for a state-of-the-art \$20 million residence hall slated to open August 2007.  
[http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print\\_article.php?uletterID=280](http://www2.und.edu/our/uletter/print_article.php?uletterID=280)

UND's spectacularly successful Ralph Engelstad Arena celebrates its fifth anniversary.  
<http://www2.und.edu/our/news/story.php?id=1927>

UND athletics enjoy a great year: the UND women's basketball team, under head coach Gene Roebuck, finishes the regular season undefeated and ranks No. 4 nationwide in a USA Today poll.  
[http://www.fightingsioux.com/sports/wbball/release.asp?RELEASE\\_ID=5387](http://www.fightingsioux.com/sports/wbball/release.asp?RELEASE_ID=5387)

UND teams win NCC championships in football, men's swimming and diving, and women's basketball and golf; the men's hockey team claims the Broadmoor Cup by winning the WCHA playoffs. The hockey team, in its second year under head hockey coach David Hakstol, returns for the second time to the Frozen Four.

The UND football team, under head coach Dale Lennon, makes it to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals after winning the NCC championship. [http://www.fightingsioux.com/sports/mhockey/release.asp?RELEASE\\_ID=5099](http://www.fightingsioux.com/sports/mhockey/release.asp?RELEASE_ID=5099)

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Remembering John Jorstad

John Edward Jorstad, retired power plant employee, died Dec. 22 at The Maples at Har-Ber Meadows in Springdale, Ark. He was 91.

Jorstad was born in West Fargo Sept. 26, 1915. He married Florence Kosobud Feb. 18, 1944, and was employed by the UND power plant. He retired in 1980. They lived in Grand Forks and the surrounding area for 80 years. In 1997 they moved to Fayetteville, Ark., to enjoy a warmer climate and to be closer to their daughter. They moved to Springdale in 2006, where Florence still resides.

John will be remembered as a kind and gentle man who loved people and life.

He is survived by his wife Florence of 62 years, daughter Lois (Leonard) Wavra of Fayetteville, Ark., and his son Jack (Diane) Jorstad of Grand Forks, five grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two half brothers.

A memorial service will be held in Grand Forks at Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

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